

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 656, Page 1, in the Title, Line 3, by  
2 deleting the word "firearms" and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase "political subdivisions"; and  
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4 Further amend Page 2, Section 50.535, Line 44, by inserting immediately after all of said line the  
5 following:

6 "50.622. 1. Any county may amend the annual budget during any fiscal year in which the  
7 county receives additional funds, and such amount or source, including, but not limited to, federal  
8 or state grants or private donations, could not be estimated when the budget was adopted. The  
9 county shall follow the same procedures as required in sections 50.525 to 50.745 for adoption of the  
10 annual budget to amend its budget during a fiscal year.

11 2. Any county may decrease the annual budget twice during any fiscal year in which the  
12 county experiences a verifiable decline in funds of two percent or more, and such amount could not  
13 be estimated or anticipated when the budget was adopted, provided that any decrease in  
14 appropriations shall not unduly affect any one officeholder. Before any reduction affecting an  
15 independently elected officeholder can occur, negotiations shall take place with all officeholders  
16 who receive funds from the affected category of funds in an attempt to cover the shortfall. The  
17 county shall follow the same procedures as required in sections 50.525 to 50.745 to decrease the  
18 annual budget, except that the notice provided for in section 50.600 shall be extended to thirty days  
19 for purposes of this subsection. Such notice shall include a published summary of the proposed  
20 reductions and an explanation of the shortfall.

21 3. Any decrease in an appropriation authorized under subsection 2 of this section shall not  
22 impact any dedicated fund otherwise provided by law.

23 4. County commissioners may reduce budgets of departments under their direct supervision  
24 and responsibility at any time without the restrictions imposed by this section.

25 5. Subsections 2, 3, and 4 of this section shall expire on July 1, [2016] 2027.

26 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no charter county shall be restricted from  
27 amending its budget under and pursuant to the terms of its charter.

28 Section B. Because of the need to prevent a lapse in the authority of the county commission  
29 with regard to budgetary matters, the repeal and reenactment of section A of this act is deemed  
30 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is  
31 hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the repeal and  
32 reenactment of section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.";  
33 and  
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35 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
36 accordingly.

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